



## **Increased Unemployment Compensation Benefits (\$600 Weekly Stimulus Payment) Frequently Asked Questions**

*Note: This information is updated frequently. Please check back for updates.*

On March 27, 2020, Congress passed a federal stimulus package known as the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. This emergency benefit provides most individuals an emergency increase in traditional unemployment insurance benefits of \$600 per week through July 25, 2020.

### **Do I need to apply for the additional \$600?**

No, there is not a separate application for the \$600 stimulus. Apply for unemployment benefits, and if you are determined eligible you will automatically be considered for the stimulus payment.

### **If I am currently receiving unemployment benefits do I need to apply again for the additional \$600?**

No, there is no additional action you need to take beyond filing your weekly claims as long as you remain eligible for unemployment. The benefit will be retroactively provided to individuals that already received an unemployment benefit during the week of March 29 through April 4, 2020, and those that have already received a payment the week beginning April 5, 2020.

### **Will the additional \$600 come a different way than my regular unemployment benefit?**

No, you will receive the benefit in the same way you receive your traditional unemployment benefit.

### **When will I start to see the additional \$600 on my unemployment?**

The benefit will be included as part of your traditional unemployment benefit payments authorized from April 8, 2020, and thereafter.

### **Will I get an additional \$600 for weeks in the past?**

The benefit will be retroactively provided to individuals that already received an unemployment benefit during the week of March 29 through April 4, 2020, and those that have already received a payment the week beginning April 5, 2020.

### **Will any additional income I received through these benefits impact my eligibility for unemployment benefits?**

No, funds you receive as a result of this stimulus package will not impact your income eligibility as it is not considered earned income.